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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

) Case No. 08cv0926 H (WMC)
BLACKWATER LODGE AND TRAINING)
CENTER, INC., a Delaware Corporation dba) DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO
BLACKWATER WORLDWIDE,) PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT
)
Plaintiff,) Judge: Hon. Marilyn L. Huff
) Court Room: 13
v.)
) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
KELLY BROUGHTON, in his capacity as)
Director of the Development Services)
Department of the City of San Diego; THE)
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT)
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, an agency of)
the City of San Diego; AFSANEH AHMADI, in)
her capacity as the Chief Building Official for)
the City of San Diego; THE CITY OF SAN)
DIEGO, a municipal entity; and DOES 1-20,)
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Defendants.)

Defendants Kelly Broughton, the Developmental Services Department of the City of San
 Diego, Afsaneh Ahmadi, and the City of San Diego ("Defendants"), by and through the
 undersigned counsel, Deputy City Attorney George F. Schaefer, answer the allegations in each
 paragraph of the Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

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NATURE OF THE ACTION

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2 1. ADMITTED that the Plaintiff has brought a civil action for the listed causes of
3 actions. Except as expressly admitted, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 1 are DENIED.

4 2. Plaintiff does not state the identity of the “self-proclaimed activists” referred to in
5 Paragraph 2. The Defendants are therefore without knowledge and information sufficient to form
6 a belief as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation
7 contained in Paragraph 2.

8 3. ADMITTED that the San Diego Mayor and City Attorney were standing for re-
9 election on June 3, 2008 and the City Attorney on May 16, 2008 issued a legal memorandum
10 which stated that the Blackwater project should be subject to further discretionary review. Except
11 as expressly admitted, the remaining allegations of Paragraph 1 are DENIED.

12 4-6. Page 4 of Plaintiff’s Complaint, apparently containing Paragraphs 4-6, has never
13 been served on the Defendants and is not included in the electronic version of the Complaint on
14 file with the Court; therefore, the Defendants are without knowledge and information of what is
15 even alleged in Paragraphs 4-6 sufficient to form a belief as to those averments and on that basis
16 the Defendants deny each and every allegation.

17 7. DENIED.

18 8. ADMITTED that Plaintiff is requesting relief from this Court. DENIED that the
19 Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

20 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

21 9. ADMITTED that the Plaintiff has brought a civil action for the listed causes of
22 actions and that this Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction.

23 10. ADMITTED that this Court also has diversity jurisdiction. The Defendants are
24 without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to whether the Plaintiff’s
25 contract with the United States Navy is worth \$400 million and on that basis the Defendants deny
26 this allegation.

27 11. ADMITTED that this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff’s state law
28 claims.

1 12. ADMITTED that venue is proper in the Southern District of California.

2 13. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
3 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
4 Paragraph 13.

5 **THE PARTIES**

6 14. ADMITTED.

7 15. DENIED. The Department of Development Services is not an agency; rather, it is
8 a departmental unit of the City of San Diego, a municipality.

9 16. ADMITTED.

10 17. ADMITTED.

11 18. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
12 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
13 Paragraph 18.

14 19. Plaintiff does not identify the “individuals” in question and substitutes a statement
15 of facts with laudatory statements about itself or its mission. The Defendants are therefore
16 without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to this averment and on that
17 basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 19.

18 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

19 20. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
20 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
21 Paragraph 20.

22 21. Defendants do not have a copy of the alleged contract in question. The Defendants
23 are therefore without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to this averment
24 and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 21.

25 22. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
26 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
27 Paragraph 22.

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1 23. Defendants do not have a copy of the alleged contract in question. The Defendants
2 are therefore without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to this averment
3 and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in Paragraph 23.

4 24. On information and belief, Plaintiff has a very bad reputation based on deceptive
5 or illegal practices involving its business activities, including business transactions with the
6 United States Government; therefore, the Defendants deny that Blackwater is at risk of damaging
7 its reputation because of alleged inability to satisfy contractual undertakings. Furthermore,
8 Defendants do not have a copy of the alleged contract in question. Therefore, the Defendants are
9 without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations in
10 Paragraph 24 and on that basis the Defendants also deny each and every remaining allegation
11 contained in Paragraph 24.

12 25. Defendants do not have a copy of the alleged contract between the Plaintiff and the
13 Navy. Therefore, the Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a
14 belief as to the services required by the Navy and on that basis the Defendants deny the allegation
15 on what services the Navy requires. The remaining allegations in Paragraph 25 are DENIED.

16 26. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
17 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
18 Paragraph 26.

19 27. ADMITTED.

20 28. DENIED. The permit in question was not “granted” but was issued.

21 29. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
22 as to the contractual discussions between the Plaintiff and Southwest Enforcement, the
23 relationship between the Plaintiff and Southwest Enforcement, and what Plaintiff did to create
24 and prepare for the training classes; therefore, Defendants deny such allegations. The Defendants
25 also deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 29.

26 30. Defendants deny that the two permits were “granted” as opposed to being issued.
27 The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the

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1 remaining allegations in Paragraph 30 and on that basis the Defendants also deny each and every
2 remaining allegation contained in Paragraph 30.

3 31. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
4 as to Plaintiff's intended use of the site and whether the Plaintiff performed such a "reasonable
5 investigation" and the results of such an investigation; therefore, Defendants deny such
6 allegations. The remaining allegations in Paragraph 31 are DENIED.

7 32. DENIED that there has been any "disparate treatment" or that Southwestern
8 College or any vocational institutions engaged in the same uses as the Plaintiffs in Otay Mesa
9 such that they were treated differently by the Defendants.

10 33. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
11 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
12 Paragraph 33.

13 34. DENIED that the Plaintiff complied with the SDMC permit and approval
14 requirements. ADMITTED that Defendant Broughton made such public statements, but
15 DENIED that such statements constituted an admission on whether the Plaintiff complied with
16 the SDMC permit and approval requirements.

17 35. ADMITTED that the Otay Mesa Development District requires a development
18 permit or an exemption from the permit requirement. Each and every remaining allegation in
19 Paragraph 35 is DENIED.

20 36. DENIED.

21 37. ADMITTED that SDMC § 1517.0301(a)(8)(A) allows such uses, but DENIED
22 that if the subjects taught by the Plaintiff at its Otay Mesa facility relate to any of the permissible
23 uses, it is necessarily a permissible use.

24 38. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
25 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
26 Paragraph 38.

27 39. DENIED.

28 40. DENIED.

1 41. DENIED that the Plaintiff never made any effort to conceal its management or
2 control over the Otay Mesa facility. DENIED that every City staff member must have known
3 they were dealing with Blackwater employees. The Defendants are without knowledge and
4 information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations in Paragraph 41 and on that
5 basis the Defendants also deny each and every remaining allegation contained in Paragraph 41.

6 42. ADMITTED that the Plaintiff completed the projects for which it obtained
7 permits. ADMITTED that Plaintiff's staff and its contractors met with Defendant Afsaneh
8 Ahmadi at her request and Defendant Ahmadid scrutinized Plaintiff's plans and requested a walk-
9 through of the facility. The Defendants deny each and every remaining allegation contained in
10 Paragraph 42.

11 43. DENIED.

12 44. ADMITTED that San Diego's Mayor and City Attorney stood for re-election on
13 June 3, 2008. ADMITTED that during the re-election campaign, citizens have raised concerns
14 about the Plaintiff's intentions at its Otay Mesa facility and the candidates have listened to or
15 responded to the public's concerns. The Defendants are without knowledge and information
16 sufficient to form a belief as to when the Plaintiff intended to open its Otay Mesa facility and
17 therefore deny that allegation.

18 45. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief
19 as to this averment and on that basis the Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in
20 Paragraph 45.

21 46. ADMITTED that San Diego Councilman Scott Peters ran against the incumbent
22 City Attorney, Michael Aguirre. The Defendants are without knowledge and information
23 sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations in Paragraph 46 and on that basis the
24 Defendants also deny each and every remaining allegation contained in Paragraph 46.

25 47. ADMITTED.

26 48. ADMITTED that Exhibit B to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
27 copy of the City Attorney's Memorandum of May 16, 2008. The Plaintiff's characterizations of
28 this Memorandum are DENIED.

1 49. ADMITTED that Exhibit C to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
2 copy of the letter of May 19, 2008 of Plaintiff's counsel, John Nadolenco. The Plaintiff's
3 characterizations of the contents of this letter, including the alleged validity of the legal
4 conclusions found in the letter, are DENIED.

5 50. ADMITTED that Exhibit C to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
6 cop of the letter of May 19, 2008 of Plaintiff's counsel, John Nadolenco. The Plaintiff's
7 characterizations of the contents of this letter, including the alleged validity of the legal
8 conclusions found in the letter, are DENIED.

9 51. ADMITTED that Exhibit D to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
10 copy of the letter of May 19, 2008 of Defendant Kelly Broughton to Plaintiff's Vice President,
11 Brian Bonfiglio. The Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a
12 belief as to how much time had elapsed after the Plaintiff sent its letter before Broughton's letter
13 was sent and therefore deny that it was less than one hour.

14 52. ADMITTED.

15 53. ADMITTED that Exhibit D to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
16 copy of the letter of May 19, 2008 of Defendant Kelly Broughton to Plaintiff's Vice President,
17 Brian Bonfiglio.

18 54. DENIED.

19 55. ADMITTED that Exhibit E to the Plaintiff's Complaint contains a true and correct
20 copy of the letter of May 20, 2008 of Plaintiff's counsel, Michael I. Neil. ADMITTED that the
21 City refused to send the Plaintiff its Certificate of Occupancy despite the request for one in the
22 letter. Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to what
23 motivated the Plaintiff to send the letter and therefore deny the allegation that it was because the
24 Plaintiff feared its counsel's letter of May 19, 2008 may have crossed with Broughton's letter of
25 May 19, 2008.

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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Injunctive Relief Mandate Against All Defendants

56. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation that was previously denied.

57. DENIED.

58. DENIED.

59. DENIED.

60. DENIED that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Declaratory Judgment against All Defendants

61. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation that was previously denied.

62. DENIED that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

63. DENIED.

64. DENIED.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Section 1983 (Procedural Due Process) against All Defendants

65. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation that was previously denied.

66. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 but DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

67. DENIED.

68. ADMITTED that the selective quotations from the May 19, 2008 letter are accurate and the City refused to issue a certificate of occupancy for the Otay Mesa facility

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1 pursuant to the San Diego Municipal Code. DENIED that the City Attorney's analysis was
2 flawed.

3 69. DENIED.

4 70. DENIED.

5 71. DENIED that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

6 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 **Violation of Section 1983 (Equal Protection) against All Defendants**

8 72. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each
9 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation
10 that was previously denied.

11 73. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 but DENIED
12 that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

13 74. ADMITTED that the City denied the Plaintiff a Certificate of Occupancy but
14 DENIED that the City Attorney's analysis was flawed. The Defendants are without knowledge
15 and information sufficient to form a belief as to what the Plaintiff's intentions were in using the
16 Otay Mesa facility and therefore deny the remaining allegations

17 75. DENIED that there are similarly situated businesses, including the Southwestern
18 College and vocational institutions, which have been treated differently than the Plaintiff with
19 respect to the City's application of the discretionary process or CEQA

20 76. DENIED.

21 77. DENIED.

22 78. DENIED.

23 79. DENIED that the Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

24 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

25 **Violation of Dormant Commerce Clause against All Defendants**

26 80. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each
27 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation
28 that was previously denied.

1 81. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under Article I, § 8, cl. 3 of the United
2 State Constitution but DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable
3 under Article I, § 8, cl. 3 of the United State Constitution

4 82. ADMITTED.

5 83. ADMITTED.

6 84. ADMITTED that the City denied the Plaintiff a Certificate of Occupancy. The
7 Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to what the
8 Plaintiff's intentions were in using the Otay Mesa facility and therefore deny the remaining
9 allegations.

10 85. DENIED that there are similarly situated businesses, including the Southwestern
11 College and vocational institutions, that have been treated differently than the Plaintiff with
12 respect to the City's application of the discretionary process or CEQA.

13 86. DENIED.

14 87. DENIED.

15 88. DENIED.

16 89. ADMITTED that Plaintiff sought relief under Article I, § 8, cl. 3 of the United
17 State Constitution but DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable
18 under Article I, § 8, cl. 3 of the United State Constitution.

19 90. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each of the
20 preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation that was
21 previously denied.

22 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

23 **Violation of Cal. Const., art I, § 7(a) (Procedural Due Process)**

24 **against All Defendants**

25 90. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each
26 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation
27 that was previously denied.

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1 91. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under Cal. Const., art I, § 7(a) but
2 DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable under Cal. Const., art I,
3 § 7(a).

4 92. DENIED.

5 93. ADMITTED that the City denied the Plaintiff a Certificate of Occupancy but
6 DENIED that the City Attorney's analysis was flawed. The Defendants are without knowledge
7 and information sufficient to form a belief as to what the Plaintiff's intentions were in using the
8 Otay Mesa facility and therefore deny the remaining allegations.

9 94. DENIED.

10 95. DENIED.

11 96. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under Cal. Const., art I, § 7(a) but
12 DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable under Cal. Const., art I,
13 § 7(a).

14 **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 **Violation of Cal. Const., art I, § 7(a) (Equal Protection)**

16 **against All Defendants**

17 97. The Defendants assert and incorporate by reference the responses set forth in each
18 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated here and similarly deny each and every allegation
19 that was previously denied.

20 98. ADMITTED that Plaintiff has sought relief under Cal. Const., art I, § 7(a) but
21 DENIED that the Defendants engaged in any conduct making them liable under Cal. Const., art I,
22 § 7(a).

23 99. ADMITTED that the City denied the Plaintiff a Certificate of Occupancy. The
24 Defendants are without knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to what the
25 Plaintiff's intentions were in using the Otay Mesa facility and therefore deny the remaining
26 allegations.

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100. DENIED that there are similarly situated businesses, including the Southwestern College and vocational institutions, which have been treated differently than the Plaintiff with respect to the City's application of the discretionary process or CEQA.

101. DENIED.

102. DENIED.

103. DENIED.

104. DENIED.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

1-6. DENIED that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM)

Plaintiff's Complaint, and each purported cause of action alleged in the Complaint, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the Defendants.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES)

Plaintiff has failed to exhaust its administrative remedies.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS)

Plaintiff's Complaint is barred by the statute of limitations applicable to each and every cause of action pled in the Complaint.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(UNCLEAN HANDS)

The Complaint, and each cause of action alleged in the Complaint, is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(WAIVER)

Plaintiff has engaged in conduct and activities with respect to the subject matter of the

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1 Complaint, and each cause of action stated in the Complaint, such that Plaintiff has waived any
2 claims or demands against the Defendants.

3 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 **(ESTOPPEL)**

5 Plaintiff has engaged in conduct and activities with respect to the subject matter of the
6 Complaint, and each cause of action stated in the Complaint, such that Plaintiff is estopped from
7 asserting any claims or demands against the Defendants.

8 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 **(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 835.4)**

10 The Defendants are immune from liability pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 835.4 because
11 the acts or omissions of the Defendants, if any, in creating the conditions complained of by
12 Plaintiff, were reasonable.

13 **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14 **(ACTS ARE DISCRETIONARY)**

15 The Complaint and each purported cause of action alleged in the Complaint fail to state a
16 basis on which a relief can be granted because the acts sought to be compelled are discretionary in
17 nature, and the Defendants, exercised their discretion properly and without prejudice to Plaintiff.
18 Neither the City, nor the remaining Defendants named in their official capacity, can be compelled
19 to exercise discretionary powers in a particular manner.

20 **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 **(NO ABUSE OF DISCRETION)**

22 Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged in the Complaint, fails to state a
23 basis on which relief can be granted because the Defendants have properly exercised discretion
24 vested in them, and, based upon applicable facts and law, have not abused that discretion.

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TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(VALID EXERCISE OF POLICE POWERS)**

The Defendants are not liable to Plaintiff on the basis that all actions taken by the Defendants were as a result of the City's valid exercise of its police powers as authorized by Cal. Const. Article XI, § 7.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 818.2)**

The Defendants are not liable pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code § 818.2 for any injury caused by adopting, or failing to adopt, an enactment, or by failing to enforce any law.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 818.4)**

The Defendants are not liable pursuant to Gov. Code § 818.4 for any claimed injury caused by the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of, or by the failure or refusal to issue, deny suspend or revoke, any permit, license, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization where the public entity, or an employee of the public entity, is authorized by enactment to determine whether or not such authorization should be issued, denied, suspended or revoked.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 818.7)**

The Defendants are not is not liable pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code § 818.7 for an injury caused by misrepresentation by an employee of the public entity, whether or not such misrepresentation is negligent or intentional.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 815)**

The Defendants are not liable pursuant to Gov. Code § 815 for any injury arising out of an act or omission of a public entity, a public employee or any other person, for an injury caused by misrepresentation by an employee of the public entity, whether or not such misrepresentation is negligent or intentional.

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FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CLAIMS ARE NOT RIPE)**

Plaintiff's claims are premature and are not yet ripe for adjudication because Plaintiff has failed to comply with all of the City regulatory processes which are necessary to exhaust Plaintiff's administrative remedies and are necessary conditions precedent to Plaintiff's ability to sue the Defendants for the claims alleged.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(PLAINTIFF'S WRONGFUL ACTS)**

The damages or losses complained of by Plaintiff have been brought about by, or have been caused wholly and solely by reason of the acts, breaches, negligence, and conduct of Plaintiff and/or others, without any unlawful or wrongful conduct whatsoever on the part of the Defendants. Therefore, Plaintiff is barred from any relief or recovery as against the Defendants.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IMMUNITY)**

A public employee is not liable for an injury caused by his adoption of, or failure to adopt, an enactment or by his failure to enforce an enactment.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(GOOD FAITH)**

A public employee, acting in good faith and without malice, and under the apparent authority of an enactment that is unconstitutional, invalid, or inapplicable, is not liable for an injury caused thereby, except to the extent that he or she would have been liable had the enactment been constitutional, valid and applicable.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**(CAL. GOV'T CODE § 820.4)**

Defendant public employees are not liable for their acts or omissions, exercising due care, in the execution or enforcement of any law and are immune under Cal. Gov't Code § 820.4.

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TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW)

The Plaintiff is barred from seeking equitable relief because it has an adequate remedy at law.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(LACHES)

The Plaintiff unreasonably delayed commencement of this action so that its recovery, if any, should be barred or reduced under the doctrine of laches according to proof at the time of the trial.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(FAILURE TO MITIGATE)

The Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its losses, if any, and as a result its claims must be reduced or discharged in their entirety.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(BAR ON SPECULATIVE DAMAGES)

Plaintiff's claimed damages against the Defendants are speculative and therefore may not be recovered.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(PUNITIVE DAMAGES NOT PERMITTED)

The Plaintiff is not entitled to an award of punitive damages on any of its claims because the Defendants did not act with bad faith, evil motive, willfulness, malice or reckless indifference toward the Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants demand a jury trial and pray for judgment as follows:

1. That the Complaint and each cause of action alleged therein be dismissed;
2. That no permanent injunction shall issue and the preliminary injunction be dissolved;
3. For costs of suit incurred herein, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and
4. For such other relief as the Court deems proper.

1 Dated: August 21, 2008

MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

2 By:

3 s/George F. Schaefer

4 George F. Schaefer

5 Deputy City Attorney

6 E-mail: GSchaefer@sandiego.gov

7 Attorneys for Defendant

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action; and that I served the following document:

• **DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

on the individuals listed below in the manner indicated.

Electronic Mail

I served the following by electronic mail at the e-mail addresses listed below:

- **John Nadolenco**
jnadolenco@mayerbrown.com,jaustgen@mayerbrown.com
- **Michael Ira Neil**
mneil@neildymott.com,kmoscinski@neildymott.com

Executed: August 21, 2008 at San Diego, California

s/George F. Schaefer
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